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Report Highlights:

On October 11, 2012, Israel's Ministry of Agriculture published on its website import quotas for agricultural products. The allocations of tariff-rate quota (TRQ) system are in line with the Agreements on Trade in Agricultural Products that Israel has with its trade partners (i.e., United States, European Union, MERCOSUR, Mexico, and Canada). In addition, Israel also has TRQs for the WTO countries.

Policy:

State of Israel

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Notifies

According to the State of Israel's Trade Agreements

The following Agricultural Products are permitted import with reduced Custom Tariffs in 2013.

FIFO – First in First Out = First Come First Served

*** Requires a Pest Risk Assessment (PRA). Without a PRA the product cannot enter Israel.**

MFN = Most Favored Nation.

CIF = Cost Insurance Freight

\$U.S. 1 = New Israeli Shekel (NIS) 3.82879

Allocation System: Only Lottery

Applications will be accepted from

October 14, 2012 through November 8, 2012.

Procedures are described in Paragraph "Bet" (B)

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
European Union (EU)				
Garlic	230	0%	20	Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables.
Raisins	120	0%	10	Applications are submitted by food importers.
Packed honey = <1.5 kg/ package	180	0%	20	Applications are submitted by food importers and authorized honey distributors (see, section 5).
Uruguay				
Fresh and Processed Cheese; HS 0406-1000, 0406-3000	50	0%	10	Applications are submitted by food importers.
Other cheese 0406-9090	50	50% discount	10	Applications are submitted by food importers.
Paraguay				
Packed honey = <1.5 kg/ package	100	0%	20	Applications are submitted by food importers.
Canada				
Raw corn for Pop corn	50	0%	10	Applications are submitted by food importers.

Allocation System: Lottery and FIFO
For Lottery, Applications are to be submitted from
October 14, 2012 through November 8, 2012.
For FIFO, Applications are to be submitted starting January 1, 2013.
Procedures are described in Section "Gimel"

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
United States (U.S.)				
Apples	4,000	0%	20 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables. The lottery allocates 600 tons (20 tons/ permit) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system; not to exceed 20 tons/ permit.
Pears	1,364	0%	22 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables. The lottery allocates 220 tons (22 tons/ permit) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system; not to exceed 22 tons/ permit.
Peanuts	284	0%	9 tons/ permit for Lottery	Lottery: Applications are submitted by food importers. The lottery allocates 45 tons (9 tons/ permit) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system; not exceeding 10 tons/ permit.

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
European Union (EU)				
Apples	3,280	0%	20 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables. The lottery allocates 600 tons (20 tons/ permit) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system; not to exceed 20 tons/ permit.
Pears	2,140	0%	22 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables. The lottery allocates 220 tons (22 tons/ permit) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO system; not to exceed 22 tons/ permit.

Allocation System: Lottery and FIFO

For Lottery - Applications should be submitted starting from October 14, 2012 through November 8, 2012,

For FIFO - Applications are to be submitted starting December 1, 2012

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)		Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
United States (U.S.)					
Raisins	1,277	0%	10 tons/permit for Lottery	Allocation: Importers of raisins under MFN or reduced MFN (not exempt) are entitled to receive a duty free quota for a quantity equal to amount imported in 2012, BUT not exceeding 40 tons/ importer. (This importer group is ineligible to apply for the lottery). Lottery: All other importers are eligible to participate in the lottery. The lottery allocates 200 tons (10 tons/ winner) until March 31, 2013. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system; not to exceed 20 tons/ permit.	
Cheese (all items included in HS 0406)	649	0%	15 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: Food importers are allocated 105 tons. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance is allocated to importers that imported 20 tons or more in 2011-12 under the FIFO allocation system. (This importer groups is ineligible to participate in the lottery allocation system).	

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European Union (EU)				
Onions	2,300	0%	Not more than 28 tons	Lottery: Applications are submitted by authorized fresh produce wholesalers or international traders of fruit and vegetables. The lottery allocates 560 tons. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. These permits will be in force by March 31, 2013. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system commencing in April 2013.
Cheese (all items included in HS 0406)	830	0%	5 tons/permit for Lottery	Lottery: The lottery allocates 160 tons to food importers. Applications are accepted October 14, 2012 to November 8, 2012. The balance of the duty free quota is allocated through the FIFO allocation system. (This importer group is ineligible to participate in the lottery allocation system). See section "Hy" (E).

Allocation System: FIFO
Applications are to be submitted starting December 1, 2012
Terms are described in Paragraph D

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
United States (U.S.)				
Frozen (fresh water fish): 0303-2110; 0303-7961; 0303-7971	368	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications only from fish merchants.
Frozen shrimps	50	0%		Same as above.
Squid, fresh or frozen	40	0%		Same as above.
Other frozen fish	6,435	0%		Same as above.
Eggs for industry	4,697,184 eggs	0%		Applications accepted only from egg processors or from registered egg distributors for industry use only. Applications exceeding the quota are accorded on a case-by-case basis under the FIFO allocation system.

Frozen carp fillets	85	0%	Not more than 20 tons	As per the instructions located on the Ministry of Agriculture's website.
Cheese (all cheese incl. in HS 0406)	649	0%	Not more than 22 tons	The FIFO allocation system allocates a maximum of 295 ton for the food industry and the fast food chains.
			Not more than 18 tons	The FIFO allocation system allocates the balance of 250 tons to food merchants who imported over 20 tons in 2011-12.
Potato seeds*	3,998	0%		Based on the number of applications. The FIFO allocation system grants priority to seed potato importers.
Cabbage, Broccoli*	1,424	0%		The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders.
Oranges*	1,689	0%		Same as above.
Lemons*	506	0%		Same as above.
Grapefruit*	1,689	0%		Same as above.
Other citrus (not easy peelers)	1,689	0%		Same as above.
Fresh grapes*	775	0%		Same as above.
Fresh plums*	499	0%		Same as above.
Fresh peaches and nectarines*	735	0%		Same as above.
Quince	775	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh tomatoes	200	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh onion	200	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh garlic	143	0%	Not more than 16 tons	Same as above.
Sunflower seeds	3,000	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants.
Prunes	1,323	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Chickpeas	211	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Allocation: The FIFO allocation system will allocate quotas to importers of chickpeas under MFN status commencing January 1, 2013; not to exceed 20 tons.
Raw corn for	180	0%	Not more	The FIFO allocation system accepts

pop corn			than 20 tons	applications from food merchants.
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Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
European Union (EU)				
Live calves	1,200	0%		Applications are to be submitted by traders and growers in the cattle industry in accordance to the FIFO allocation system.
Live ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, weighing =<185g	2,060,000 units	0%		Applications are to be submitted by certified contractors/ traders of breeding stock in the poultry industry and in accordance to the FIFO allocation system.
Albacore or longfinned tunas (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	250	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications only from fish merchants.
Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito	100	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh fish fillets included in HS: 0304-1941	50	0%	Not more than 10 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications only from fish merchants.
Poultry eggs, in shell, fresh	8,004,800 units	0%	Not more than 1,000,000 units	Applications will be submitted by authorized eggs distributors.
Packed honey = > 50 kg/ package	300	0%	According to paragraph "Tet" I	Applications are to be submitted by authorized honey distributors (see section "Tet" I).
Potatoes for industry	6,380	0%		Applications are to be submitted by potato processing plants.
White fresh asparagus	100	0%	Not more	The FIFO allocation

			than 5 tons	system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders.
Fresh mushrooms, excl. those released May through September	200	0%	Not more than 5 tons	Same as above.
Quince	380	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Oranges*	1,000	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Easy peelers*	2,000	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Lemons*	500	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh grapes*	500	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh watermelon*	750	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Melons*	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Apricots*	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Cherry*	100	0%	Not more than 10 tons	Same as above.
Peach and nectarine*	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh Plum and wild plum*	500	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Fresh kiwi*	200	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Prunes	730	0%		The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants.
Watermelon seeds	560	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.

Food additives for dogs and cats HS 2309-1020	1,150	0%	Not more than 60 tons	According to the number of applicants and in accordance with the FIFO allocation system. A certificate of approval, in accordance with the free import order, must be submitted along with the application.
Other food additives for pets HS 2309-9020	1,610	0%	Not more than 60 tons	Same as above.
Fresh fish included in HS: 0302-3120, 0302-3310, 0302-3420, 0302-3520, 0302-3620, 0302-3920	100	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from only fish merchants.
Frozen fish included in HS: 0303-4110, 0303-4210, 0303-4310, 0303-4420, 0303-4520, 0303-4620, 0303-4910	150	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Corphish (a type of fish)	50	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Grated powdered cheese for the production of pet food	100	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Applications will be submitted by pet food producers (a certificate of approval for the use of raw material needs to be signed by an accountant).
Gamid (a type of cheese)	100	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants.

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
MERCOSUR: Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay (Phytosanitary certificate must be checked for each product and country)				

Other fish; certified by the Ministry of Agriculture as neither raised, nor caught in Israel.	200	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from only fish merchants. Application must be accompanied by a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture.
Packed honey= >1,5 kg/ package	200	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Applications are to be submitted by authorized honey distributors
Fresh corn	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders.
Chickpeas	400	0%	Not more than 20 tons	
Guava and Mango (January-May)	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders. Goods must clear Customs between January and May; it is not feasible to release goods prior or afterwards.
Watermelon from October through May, intervals: 1. Jan-May, 2013 2. Oct-Dec, 2013 Intervals are treated separately	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders. Goods must clear Customs between January and May and between October and December; it is not feasible to release goods prior or afterwards.
Papaya	100	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders.
Apples	500	0%	Not more than 20 tons	Same as above.
Sunflower seeds	300	0%	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants.

Description	Total Quota	Duty	Quantity Per	Allocation System
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	(metric tons)		Importer (metric tons)	
Rest of the World				
Cheese (excl. 0406-1000 and 0406-9030)	4,500	20% of the goods' CIF value	Not more than 20 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants. However, the quota is dependent on a final ruling from the Bagatz (the Israeli High Court) regarding case #6040/11. Until a final ruling is issued this quota will not be allocated.
Prunes	1,500	NIS2/kg (approx. \$0.53/kg)	Not more than 40 tons	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from food merchants
Frozen tilapia fillets	2,500	NIS11/kg (approx. \$2.9/kg)	Not more than 25 tons	The FIFO allocation system will allocate quotas only to importers that pay the MFN duty of frozen tilapia fillets commencing January 1, 2013. Half of total imported quantity is to enjoy duty free treatment, but cannot to exceed 25 tons.

Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
Canada				
Roses*	10	0%		According to the number of applications.
Potato seeds*	1,000	0%		According to number of applications. The FIFO allocation system allocates priority to seed potato importers.
Chickpeas	100	0%		Allocation: The FIFO allocation system will allocate quotas to importers paying the MFN duty commencing January 1, 2013. The importer is entitled to import up to 10 tons under duty free treatment.
Raspberry, blueberry, Redcurrant, cranberry (0810) *	150	0%		The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders.
Canary seeds	300	0%		The FIFO allocation system accepts

				applications from food merchants
Frozen fish (the HS codes will be shown at the MOAG office)	200	0%		The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from only fish merchants.

Mexico				
Description	Total Quota (metric tons)	Duty	Quantity Per Importer (metric tons)	Allocation System
Chickpeas	300	0%		Allocation: The FIFO allocation system will allocate quotas to importers paying the MFN duty commencing January 1, 2013. The importer is entitled to import up to 20 tons under duty free treatment.

Jordan	
Israel is entitled to import 50,000 ton of fresh fruit and vegetables from Jordan under duty free treatment according the following terms: Each application will be checked, and if there is a shortage in the Israeli market for a specific product, than the imported product will enjoy duty free treatment.	The FIFO allocation system accepts applications from fresh fruit and vegetable wholesalers or international traders. Olives and olive oil are excluded. For olives, applications are submitted by olive processing plants. Applications for olive oil are submitted by producers and distributors of olive oil. Allocations assigned based on the importer's market share within the Israeli industry combined with projected shortages in the Israeli market.

Special Voluntary Quotas (Under the Ministry of Finance's Approval)

Due to anticipated shortages of chickpeas and peanuts in 2013, and in order to guarantee sufficient supplies of these products in Israel, the Ministry of Agriculture along with the Ministry of Finance approve the following decisions (see below). To import these products under a reduced duty rate, and in consideration of prevailing local market conditions, the following requirements are to be met:

1. Chickpeas from all origins

1. Importers will be granted approval to import Chickpeas under duty free treatment if they have already obtained an import permit for chickpeas under the general import tariff with a start date of January 1, 2013.
2. The volume considered for duty free treatment is equivalent to 25 percent of the total volume of chickpeas imported under the general import tariff (i.e., if the importer requests to import 100 tons, 25 tons will enjoy duty free treatment with the balance assessed the general import tariff rate).
3. The importer will be issued additional import permits only when the previous import permit has been fully utilized (products have been imported) and if the general quota has not been filled.
4. The importers that are issued a quota under one of the free trade agreements (FTA) that Israel has (U.S./EU/Canada/MERCOSUR/Turkey/EFTA) are not permitted to use those same import permits for the new quota.
5. The total tariff rate quota (TRQ) is 8,000 tons.
6. The import permits will be valid through May 31, 2013.
7. Each importer will be given one import permit per day.
8. Based on the supply-demand considerations of the local market, the Ministry of Agriculture will decide if an additional TRQ is needed. If so, a notification will be published on the Ministry of Agriculture's website.
9. Certificates are required in order to enjoy duty free treatment.
 - To comply with the First Comes First Serve allocation system for food merchants.
 - In addition to the import permit request, an import certificate needs to be attached certifying that the HS Code 0713-2000 will be declared for purposes of the general import tariff commencing January 1, 2013.

2. Peanuts from all origins (HS 1202-4290/4)

The total quota will not accede 1,250 tons according to the terms below:

A. Not more than 750 tons will be allocated as raw material for the coated peanuts industry:

A1: The applicant is required to be coated peanuts processing plant.

A2: The applicant needs to submit a certification from an attorney attesting that the applicant is a coated peanut processing plant. Additionally, the attorney's certificate must include the total volume of peanuts imported for coating in 2011 and 2012.

A3: The Ministry of Agriculture is allowed to make additional inquiries if needed.

A4: The applicant should add a producer certificate from the Ministry of Health that declares that it is a coated peanuts factory.

A5: The applicant should add a certificate that declares that it does not owe any money to the Israeli Corporation Authority (Government Company).

A6: The volume considered for duty free treatment is equivalent to 20 percent of the total volume of peanuts (for coated peanuts) imported under the general import tariff, but not to exceed 100

tons per import (i.e., if the importer requests to import 100 tons, 20 tons will enjoy duty free treatment with the balance assessed the general import tariff rate).

A7: The total quantity that enjoys duty free treatment will not surpass 115 percent from the average raw material volume utilized by the factory in 2011 and 2012.

A8: An additional import permit will be given only after the importer's accountant has provided a declaration that 80 percent of the volume imported was used at the factory.

A9: Each importer is allowed to apply for one import permit per day.

B: Not more than 500 tons will be allocated to food merchants according to the below terms:

B1: This quota will be allocated according to prevailing local market supply and demand considerations.

B2: The applicant is required to submit a certification that it is a food merchant.

B3: The applicant is required to add declaration that it does not owe any money to the Israeli Corporation Authority (Government Company).

B4: The duty free volume is equivalent to 50 percent of the total peanuts that are imported under the general import tariff, but not more than 25 tons per import permit (i.e., if the importer requests to import 10 tons, same is entitled to import another 10 tons under the duty free treatment).

B5: Another import permit will be granted only after the previous import permit has been fully utilized, and only if the total quota has not been filled.

B6: Each applicant is allowed one import permit per day.

B7: The Ministry of Agriculture can modify the total quota and the total import volume that an importer is granted.

B8: The following certificates are required in order to enjoy the duty free treatment

- To comply with the First Comes First Served allocation system terms for food merchants.
- In addition to the import permit request, an import certificate needs to be attached certifying that the HS Code 1202-4290 will be declared for purposes of the general import tariff commencing January 1, 2013.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right to quota volume for each product.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right to modify the quota allocation ratio of each importer or sector. Changes will be made based on supply and demand considerations of the local market.

B. General information regarding quotas that are allocated through the lottery allocation system

1. Applications are to be submitted commencing October 14, 2012.

2. The dead line for the application submission is November 8, 2012.

3. All the permits that will be granted to an importer as a result of the lottery will be effective through the end of June, 2013, excluding onions. EU quotas will be allocated according to lottery or on the First Comes First Served basis when the importer has paid the full import tariff.

4. Each applicant is allowed one import permit per day.

5. An importer that did not use his quota by the end of June 2013 (excluding those noted in #3 above) will be permitted an extension of 3 months. Said importer must approach the

Ministry of Agriculture before the end of June, 2013 and submit a letter declaring that he will utilize this permit and its shipment order. Alternatively a letter must be submitted which clarifies the cause of the delay. The importer's request will be discussed internally and notified of the decision taken.

6. If the full quota is not filled in the first lottery round, the balance will be allocated to second round applicants. The quota is open for a period of 3 months.
7. If the quota is not filled in the second round, the balance will be allocated according to the First Comes First Served allocation system.
8. Honey distributors successfully bidding on the EU quota lottery allocation are allowed to submit a request to import packaged honey in larger packages.
9. If an importer wins a quota in 2012, but does not utilize this quota or does not request the Ministry of Agriculture to cancel his permit, said importer will subsequently not be allowed to participate in the 2013 lottery allocation.

C. General information regarding the First Comes First Served allocation system, including a certificate that the general import tariff will be paid

1. Applications are required to be submitted commencing January 1, 2013. The general import tariff note from Israeli Customs should be added to the import permit (U.S. and EU pears and apples).
2. The volume in the permit must be identical to the volume that was imported under the general import tariff, but not to exceed 20 tons for apples, 22 tons for pears, and 10 tons for peanuts.
3. The import permit is valid for three months.
4. Each applicant is allowed one import permit per day.
5. An importer that is granted an import permit and fully utilizes the same is allowed to submit a new application without the need to pay the general import tariff for the new shipment. If the total quota has not been filled, the importer will receive an import permit under the duty free treatment. The volume authorized is to be equal to the volume that has been imported under the general import tariff. If the total quota has been fully allocated to other importers, the importer will be placed on a waiting list.
6. For each application (excluding applications under the Israeli-Jordan agreement), the importer must submit a declaration that he will use the quota in the time frame that was provided for the import permit. In the declaration the importer will certify that he is aware that should the permit not be utilized within the time accorded, he will not receive another permit for this product during the current or the following year. It is imperative to specify the products in the declaration.
7. Requests to extend the import permit's validity are acceptable only if the expiration date of the permit has not transpired.
8. The Israeli Ministry of Agriculture requests that importers fully utilize quotas, since these impact trade agreements with other countries. Importers that are granted a quota, but do not utilize their import permit will not be allowed to submit a new application in the current

or following year for that specific product. If the importer submits a letter prior to the expiration of the permit requesting to cancel the import permit, he will be allowed to submit a new application for this specific product in the current and the following year.

D. General info about First Comes First Served allocation system without a certificate that the general import tariff will be paid

1. Applications are to be submitted commencing December 1, 2012. Applications submitted prior to this date will not be considered.
2. Import permits will be allocated based on the following conditions: limited volumes; not part of the lottery allocation system, and; limited to 3 month period (excluding the Israeli-Jordan Agreement).
3. Each applicant is allowed one import permit per day.
4. For each application (excluding applications under the Israeli-Jordan agreement) the importer must declare that the quota will be filled in the timeframe accorded to utilize the import permit. The importer will certify that he is aware that should the import permit not be utilized by its expiration date, he will not receive another permit for this product during the current or following year.
5. An importer that does not fill his quota by its expiration date will be permitted an extension if he notifies the Ministry of Agriculture. A letter must be submitted indicating that he will utilize the import permit, its shipment order, and that the goods are being shipped to Israel. Alternatively a letter must be submitted indicating the reason why the import has been delayed. The importer's request will be discussed internally and notified of the decision taken.
6. An importer that submits an application to cancel an import permit is allowed to submit a new import permit application for the same product after 30 days. A new import permit can only be issued once the previous one has been cancelled. The authorization of the new import permit is subject to the quota not being fully allocated.
7. The Israeli Ministry of Agriculture requests that importers fully utilize quotas, since these impact trade agreements with other countries. Importers that are granted a quota, but do not utilize their import permit will not be allowed to submit a new application in the current or following year for that specific product. If the importer submits a letter prior to the expiration of the permit requesting to cancel the import permit, he will be allowed to submit a new application for this specific product in the current and the following year.

Inconsistency between the Ministry of Agriculture's website data and Israel's signed Free Trade Agreements (FTA)

Description	Total Quota (metric tons) Ministry of Agriculture Publication	FTA Partner
	United States (U.S.)	
Apples	4,000	3,039
Pears	1,364	1,364
Peanuts	284	284
Raisins	1,277	1,277
Frozen (fresh water fish): HS 0303-2110; 0303-7961; 0303-7971	368	368
Frozen shrimps	50	50
Squid, fresh or frozen	40	40
Other frozen fish	6,435	6,435
Eggs for Industry	4,697,184 eggs	4,697,184 eggs
Frozen carp fillets	85	New quota, 85
Cheese (all items in HS 0406)	649	649
Potato seeds	3,998	3,998
Cabbage, Broccoli	1,424	1,424
Oranges	1,689	1,689
Lemons	506	506
Grapefruit	1,689	1,689
Other citrus (not easy peelers)	1,689	1,689
Fresh grapes	775	775
Fresh plums	499	499
Fresh peaches and nectarines	735	735
Quince	775	775
Fresh tomatoes	200	200
Fresh onion	200	200
Fresh garlic	143	143
Sunflower seeds	3,000	2,727
Prunes	1,323	1,363
Chickpeas	211	211
Raw corn for pop corn	180	180

	European Union (EU)	
Garlic	230	230
Raisins	120	120
Packaged honey = <1.5 kg per package	180	180
Apples	3,280	3,280
Pears	2,140	2,140
Onions	2,300	2,300
Cheese (all items in HS 0406)	830	830
Live calves	1,200	1,200
Live ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, weighing = <185g	2,060,000 units	2,060,000 units
Albacore or longfinned tunas (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	250	250
Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito	100	100
Fresh fish fillets: HS: 0304-1941	50	50
Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh	8,004,800 units	8,004,800 units
Packaged honey = > 50 kg per package	300	300
Potatoes for industry	6,380	6,380
White fresh asparagus	100	100
Fresh mushrooms, excl. those released May through September	200	200
Quince	380	380
Oranges	1,000	1,000
Easy peelers	2,000	2,000
Lemons	500	500
Fresh grapes	500	500
Fresh watermelon	750	750
Melons	300	300
Apricots	300	300
Cherry	100	100
Peach and nectarine	300	300
Fresh plum and wild plum	500	500
Fresh kiwi	200	200
Prunes	730	730
Watermelon seeds	560	560
Food additives for dogs and cats 2309-1020	1,150	1,150
Other food additives for dogs and cats 2309-9020	1,610	1,610
Fresh fish: HS:0302-3120, 0302-3310, 0302-3420, 0302-3520, 0302-3620, 0302-3920	100	100
Frozen fish: HS: 0303-4110, 0303-4210, 0303-4310, 0303-4420, 0303-4520; 0303-4620, 0303-4910	150	150
Corphish (kind of fish)	50	50
Grated powdered cheese for the production of pet food	100	100
Gamid (cheese variety)	100	100

	MERCOSUR: Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay	
Other fish; certified by the Ministry of Agriculture as neither raised, nor caught in Israel.	200	200
Packaged honey = <1.5 kg per package	200	200
Fresh corn	300	300
Chickpeas	400	400
Guava and mango (January-May)	300	300
Watermelon from October through May, intervals: 1. Jan-May, 2013 2. Oct-Dec, 2013 Intervals are treated separately	300	300
Papaya	100	100
Apples	500	500
Sunflower seeds	300	300
	Canada	
Roses	10	10
Potato seeds	1,000	1,000
Chickpeas	100	100
Raspberry, blueberry, Redcurrant, cranberry (HS 0810)	150	150
Canary seeds	300	300
Frozen fish (HS codes selected by Ministry of Agriculture)	200	200
Raw corn for pop corn	50	50
	Mexico	
Chickpeas	300	300